

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 81. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, September 19, 1861.

I...Officers of Volunteers sent out to recruit for their regiments will be entitled to free passes over the roads leading to and from the points to which they are ordered. Should any portion of the route lie upon roads for which no such passes are issued, they will be paid for such distance, their actual travelling expenses, subsistence not included, out of the fund for recruiting and equipping Volunteers; but in no case can they receive the allowance of 10 cents per mile for transportation of baggage. There are instances in which a free pass has been obtained and this latter amount likewise drawn for the same distance, and in all such the officers are notified that they must immediately refund the amount, upon penalty of being stricken from the rolls.

II...In accordance with section 12 of the act of Congress of July 22, 1861, entitled "An act to authorize the employment of Volunteers," the following method of enabling such of the Volunteer forces of the United States as may desire it, to assign portions of their pay for the benefit of their families is hereby adopted:

1st. The assignment of pay will be made on a separate roll, similar to the annexed form, to be executed under the supervision of the Captain or immediate commander of the recruit at the time of enlistment, or of the soldier in camp.

2d. When completed, the Allotment Roll is to be transmitted to the Paymaster General, by whom the deductions will be made on each subsequent pay-roll, and the aggregate amount of each company's assignment will be transmitted by him to the distributor named in the roll, together with a copy of said roll.

BY ORDER:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

See 118, 1863

